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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR FOREIGN MINISTER OF LEBANON

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO
LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTER TAQLA:

2. QUOTE. DEAR MR. MINISTER: I AM SORRY THAT MY
SCHEDULE BETWEEN MY RETURN FROM THE MIDDLE EAST AND MY
DEPARTURE THIS WEEKEND WITH THE PRESIDENT FOR JAPAN HAS
NOT ALLOWED TIME FOR US TO MEET. I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT
OPPORTUNITY AS SOON AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. MEANWHILE,
I HAVE ASKED UNDER SECRETARY SISCO TO CALL ON YOU TO DIS-
CUSS OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE MID-
DLE EAST AND THE PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS LOOK-
ING TOWARD A JUST AND LASTING PEACE, AND TO PROVIDE ANY
CLARIFICATION YOU MAY DESIRE IN THIS RESPECT.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THIS OCCASION TO ASK YOU TO EX-
PRESS TO PRESIDENT FRANGIE MY REGRET FOR THE MISUNDERSTAND-
ING THAT OCCURRED AT THE TIME OF THE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL
IN THIS COUNTRY AND FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS UNFORTUNATE
INCIDENT MAY HAVE CAUSED.

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WARM PERSONAL REGARDS. SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END
QUOTE. KISSINGER

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